

What Is Claimed Is:

1        1.    In a keyboard having a number of rows of keys, each key  
2    having one or more indicia, wherein first, second and third rows  
3    include alphabetical keys, the improvement comprising:

4        the first row having 10 alphabet keys beginning at a left  
5    side of the row when looking at the keyboard, the row beginning  
6    with the letter Q and ending with the letter Z, the letters  
7    arranged in alphabetical order between Q and Z;

8        the second row positioned below the first row having nine  
9    lettered keys and starting from a left side of the row and  
10   continuing toward the right including the consecutive letters L,  
11   M, N, O, P, A, B, C, and D; and

12       the third row positioned below the second row having 7  
13   lettered keys, wherein, starting from the left side and  
14   continuing toward the right side, the row includes the  
15   consecutive letters H, I, J, K, E, F, and G.

1        2.    A computer or other electronic device or a typewriter  
2    including a lettered keyboard configuration according to claim 1.

1        3.    The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the keyboard is in two  
2    pieces, with one set of letters on one piece and another set on  
3    the other piece.

1        4.    In a keyboard having a number of rows of keys, each key  
2    having one or more indicia, wherein first, second and third rows  
3    include alphabetical keys, the improvement comprising: having the  
4    second row comprise nine letter keys, and starting from a left  
5    side of the row and continuing toward the right including the  
6    consecutive letters L, M, N, O, P, A, B, C, and D.

1        5.    The keyboard of claim 4, wherein the third row  
2    positioned below the second row has 7 lettered keys, wherein,  
3    starting from the left side and continuing toward the right side,  
4    the row includes the consecutive letters H, I, J, K, E, F, and G.

1        6.    The keyboard of claim 4, wherein the first row has 10  
2    alphabet keys beginning at a left side of the row when looking at  
3    the keyboard, the row beginning with the letter Q and ending with  
4    the letter Z, the letters arranged in alphabetical order between  
5    Q and Z.

1        7.    In a method of typing on a keyboard wherein keys are  
2    depressed to display letters or other punctuation, graphics or  
3    symbols on a display, the improvement comprising providing the  
4    keyboard of claim 4 for typing.

1        8.    The method of claim 7, wherein the third row of the  
2    keyboard positioned below the second row has 7 lettered keys,  
3    wherein, starting from the left side and continuing toward the

4 right side, the row includes the consecutive letters H, I, J, K,  
5 E, F, and G.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first row of the  
2 keyboard has 10 alphabet keys beginning at a left side of the row  
3 when looking at the keyboard, the row beginning with the letter Q  
4 and ending with the letter Z, the letters arranged in  
5 alphabetical order between Q and Z.